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SUBJ: NON-CONTACT WITH NORTH KOREANS

1. NORTH KOREAN DCM GREETED CHARGE WARMLY AT DIPLOMATIC CORPS RECEPTION IN LATE MARCH--AN OBVIOUS MISTAKE--BUT RELUCTANTLY SHOOK HANDS DAY LATER AT SIMILAR AFFAIR. AT AIRPORT DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT TRAORE APRIL 7, KOREAN AMBASSADOR KIM DJOUNG KEUL SHOOK HANDS WITH CHARGE, BUT KIM'S AIDE STEPPED FORWARD, ASKED CHARGE'S NAME, AND LOOKED SICK. WHEN CORPS WAS CONVOKED FOR PRESIDENT'S RETURN APRIL 9, KIM WALKED UP TO CHARGE, ASKED WHAT EMBASSY HE REPRESENTED, AND THEN MARCHED PAST WITHOUT SHAKING HANDS. CHINESE AMBASSADOR FOLLOWING WAS PARTICULARLY WARM AND GRACIOUS.

2. NOW THAT NORTH KOREANS HAVE EVIDENTLY ENDED THEIR CONFUSION, WE EXPECT THEY WILL RETURN TO PREVIOUS POLICY OF IGNORING US.
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